

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 160 without my signature.

I applaud all young people who work hard, graduate high school and attend college.

Current law allows undocumented students who have attended a California high school for three years and graduate from a California high school to attend a state college and get a reduced “in state tuition rate” but not be eligible for public financial aid dollars. California has over 100,000 students here legally who apply annually for financial aid to attend college, and our state has limited funds available for this important purpose.

While I do not believe that undocumented children should be penalized for the acts of their parents, this bill would penalize students here legally by reducing the financial aid they rely on to allow them to go to college and pursue their dreams.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger